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- It's part of Postal Service's wavering under Congressional pressure
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The Stockton mail processing facility will not be shut down – for now. It's part of a national delay in the closings of more than 200 such facilities.

The U.S. Postal Service says it's holding off on the shutdowns "in response to a request made by multiple U.S. Senators."

The company has set May 15, 2012 as the new deadline for closing the operations and consolidating sorting work in other locations.

"The Postal Service hopes this period will help facilitate the enactment of comprehensive postal legislation," it says in a statement. "Given the Postal Service's financial situation and the loss of mail volume, the Postal Service must continue to take all steps necessary to reduce costs and increase revenue."

Closing the Stockton facility would result in an estimated 187 jobs being lost. Its work would be moved to a similar plant in West Sacramento.

“I am glad that the Postal Service has recognized it needs more time to make a responsible decision about closing the Stockton facility. I know they have tough choices to make, and I am glad that they have listened to our concerns and are taking into more serious consideration how their decisions will affect American people and businesses,” says Rep. Jerry McNerney, who represents the Stockton area.

“In today’s economy, I am committed to finding ways to create jobs, not to eliminate jobs from our community,” he says.